

# Annapolis Police Department



## GENERAL ORDER

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**TO:** All Personnel

**SUBJECT:** Alcohol Enforcement Countermeasures

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to establish the Department's motor vehicle alcohol enforcement countermeasures program.

### **POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Annapolis Police Department to develop and enforce policies to reduce the incidence of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

#### **I. Objective**

- A. The primary objective of the program is to reduce alcohol and/or drug related traffic offenses by fielding units that are specially trained and equipped to apprehend and process alcohol and/or impaired drivers.
- B. Special emphasis is placed on enforcement of laws related to driving while intoxicated and other statutes restricting drinking and driving.
- C. Training will be provided to develop officer skills in detecting those persons who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

#### **II. Administration**

- A. The supervisor of the Traffic Safety Unit will coordinate all department alcohol enforcement countermeasures to ensure maximum cooperation within the department.
- B. The Traffic Safety Unit will maintain all records of programs and their results.

**III. Development and Implementation**

- A. All members of the department are encouraged to suggest methods of selective enforcement directed at DWI/DUI offenders.
- B. Watch Commanders may use data supplied by the Traffic Safety Unit or developed through their own efforts to formulate anti-DWI/DUI enforcement programs and initiatives.
- C. Whenever such a program or initiative is implemented, the Traffic Safety Unit must be informed of its duration, nature and results in order to maintain adequate records. Examples of the types of programs to be implemented to include:
  - 1. Selective assignment of personnel at the time when and to the locations where analysis have shown a significant number of violations.
  - 2. Selective surveillance of roadways on which there has been an unusual incidence of drinking-driving collisions to ascertain the characteristic violation profile of the problem drinker who drives.
  - 3. Selected alcohol-related collision investigations and analysis of findings.
  - 4. Selective enforcement of drinking-driving laws through concentration on existing laws and the expeditious processing of violators.

**IV. Training**

The department encourages officers to apply for specialized training in alcohol and drug enforcement techniques, such as Preliminary Breath Testing (PBT). Training will be provided as it becomes available, subject to budgetary and staffing considerations.

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References
1. Accreditation Standards 61.1.10

**Revision:** This is a new General Order